Meeting of National Commission on SCs and STs

563. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of meetings of the National Commission on Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes held so far from the date of inception;

(b) the broad policy decisions, if any, taken by the Commission;

(c) the details of recommendations made by the Commission during this period;

(d) whether all recommendations have been implemented; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRISATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) 87 meetings have been held by the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes since 12.03.1992 (i.e. date of inception).

(b) to (e) The policy decision taken by the Commission are incorporated in the Report of the Commission, which is presented to the President. The Commission has so far presented six annual reports and four special reports. Except sixth annual report all reports have been laid before each House of Parliament aJongwith a memorandum explaining the action taken or proposed to be taken on the recommendations relating to the Union and the reasons for the non-acceptance, if any. The recommendations related to the State Government have been forwarded to the Governors of the concerned States for causing to lay before the legislatures of the concerned States along with a memorandum explaining the action taken or proposed to be taken on the recommendations and the reasons for the non-acceptance, if any.

National Pension Policy for Senior Citizens

564. SHRI K.M. KHAN**:** Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a National Pension Policy for the old persons in view of the growing problems of the aged;